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**United States Embassy Skopje, Macedonia
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Demonstrations throughout Macedonia
on May 9, 2016**

The U.S. Embassy in Skopje informs U.S. citizens that the civil association “Protestiram” has announced a protest in Skopje at 18:00 today, May 9, 2016. The demonstrators plan to assemble at the Special Prosecutor’s Office in central Skopje and march toward Parliament and other Government affiliated buildings. Demonstrations will continue today in ten other cities as well. Protesters will gather in Shtip, Kriva Palanka, Berovo, Kavadarci, Prilep, Bitola, Kichevo, Strumica, Kochani, and Veles.

“Opposition Council of the Albanians” an alliance consisting of opposition Albanian parties and civil society announced a protest march for today, May 9, starting from 17:30. They will start from the park in Chair settlement of Skopje and will end in front of the Government.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

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